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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, ARMED FORCES SECURITY AGENCY

SUBJECT: Intelligence Support for the Voice of America

REFERENCE: (a) Memorandum to the DCI from the Director,  
AFSA dated 8 August 1950.  
(b) Circular memorandum to the Intelligence  
Advisory Committee from the DCI dated  
21 July 1950.

1. The National Security Act of 1947, as amended, you will recall provides in Section 102(d)(4) and (5) that for the purposes of coordinating the intelligence activities of the Government this Agency shall perform for the benefit of existing intelligence agencies such additional services of common concern as the National Security Council determines can be more efficiently accomplished centrally, and shall perform such other functions and duties related to intelligence affecting the national security as the NSC from time to time may direct.

2. Since the expensive facilities for monitoring Soviet jamming in support of the Voice of America program could also in due course be used for communications facilities and other purposes in time of war of interest to this Agency and to others than just AFSA, I recommended in the Enclosure with Reference (b) that this monitoring work be given to CIA to supplement its existing service and that this Agency coordinate it, to avoid duplicating the existing facilities of the FCC, AFSA and other organizations, into a world-wide monitoring operation.

3. Since it is thought that this matter extends beyond the purely military interests and is not primarily a matter of communications intelligence, I believe it should remain in the hands of this Agency for referral to the NSC with the comments of the members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

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